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FIVE CENTS

## Barnum Confirms Consolidation of 3 Insurance Firms

**Pierce, Ruggles Unite With Barnum Agency; No Change in Policy**

Rumors of impending changes in insurance firms of Southern Pines have been rife for several weeks, but it was not until a few hours before going to press that facts supplanted rumors.

Following an interview with Paul T. Barnum, THE PILOT is able to announce the consolidation of the Garland Pierce and John S. Ruggles insurance agencies with P. T. Barnum, Inc., without change of location or policy of that long-established agency. It is understood that both Mr. Pierce and Mr. Ruggles will assist in the insurance office, there being no change in the real estate business of Barnum and Arey.

Without going back into the genesis of the agency, the oldest in the county, and almost coeval with the founding of Southern Pines it is sufficient to state that the Paul Clarke agency (1911) went to F. W. Van Camp in 1914; Van Camp, Newcomb and Mudgett in 1922; Page and Barnum, with office in the new bank building, 1925; Paul T. Barnum 1927. Three years later Mr. Barnum, taking over the former S. B. Richardson agency, incorporated with many of the merchants of Southern Pines as stockholders.

Mr. Ruggles, who had been associated with the Barnum office bought the Cameron agency in 1930, and this agency went in part to Mr. Pierce in 1934 when Mr. Ruggles became Division Bureau Manager of the Farm Security Administration at Raleigh, a place which he has filled with great administrative ability and leaves with reluctance. Mr. Pierce, acting both for himself and Mr. Ruggles, has built up a successful business.

## County Board Votes to Invest in Bonds

**Sum of \$55,000 Ordered Placed in Government Securities; May Jury Lists**

The Moore County Commissioners, at a meeting held last week, ordered that \$55,000 of county funds be forthwith invested by the Bank of Pinehurst, county treasurer, in government securities, as follows: \$30,000 in 7-8 per cent treasury certificates and \$25,000 in U. S. savings bonds series "G".

The Board also listed the following to serve as jurors at a term of criminal court beginning May 17 and a term of civil court beginning May 24.

### First Week

H. M. Hill, Fred Flinchum, Jack Sullivan, Earl McDonald, Eulis H. Vest, R. H. Motsinger, E. W. Dowd, H. J. Myrick and LeRoy Lee, Carthage township; E. S. Bailey, H. Taft Williams, Glenn Crabtree and Willie C. Britt, Bensalem; C. A. Hussey, T. L. Howard, Jonah Hussey, Coy S. Lewis and Thomas Ray, Sheffield; Walter Caviness, A. C. Moore, C. F. Seawell and N. G. Purvis, Sr.; Ritters; George Morgan, Greenwood; M. B. Kellis, Clifford Garner, and J. W. Causey, McNeill; H. J. Blue, G. C. Allred and C. M. Shaver, Sandhill; Lonnie Calcutt, Paul Dana, Gaston Simmons, R. S. Ratliff, W. A. Black, R. W. Clayton and F. Shelby Cullom, Mineral Springs.

### Second Week

W. L. Barber, L. C. Wallace, Willis Davis, A. F. Boyte, Sr., J. D. Wilcox, and P. W. Cockman, Carthage township; Lexie Freeman and Fletcher W. Ritter, Bensalem; Ellis Hussey, Sheffield; A. T. Maness, W. (Continued on Page 7)

## GLEE CLUB SINGS AT KIWANIS MEETING

The Sandhills Kiwanis Club, at its dinner meeting at the Southern Pines Country Club Wednesday, was delightfully entertained by the Southern Pines High School Glee Club. The Glee Club, directed by Miss Ruby Trollinger, sang numbers especially appropriate to the Easter season.

## IN OUR SERVICE



**CORP. CLAUDE N. BAKER**

Corp. Claude N. Baker, 21, of Lincoln Air Base, Lincoln, Neb., is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Baker of Carthage Route 3. He graduated from Sandhill Farm Life School in 1937, and at the time of his induction in April 1942 was employed in the shipyards at Newport News, Va. Corp. Baker is in charge of the post office at Lincoln Air Base. He was married to Miss Pearl Bolden at the post chapel on February 13, and he and his bride have recently visited his parents.

## House Rent Freeze in Moore Becomes Effective May 1st

**March Level Expected to Lower Many Rates; Rental Office to Open Soon**

With all rents for dwelling units in Moore County frozen at the March 1, 1942 level at midnight tonight (Friday), some 30,900 persons will be affected in one way or another, Area Attorney-Director Franklin S. Clark of Fayetteville, said here this week.

Clark indicated that rent control in the Southern Pines Defense Rental Area would bring sharp decreases in many rents. Rent paid on March 1, 1942 will be the "legal" rent for any dwelling unit in Moore County, effective May 1, he announced.

Paul Michael, OPA personnel officer from Raleigh, Clark and other members of the staff were here this week making arrangements for the opening of a rent office in Southern Pines. A rent examiner and office clerk will be named for the local office, but a large staff will not be maintained as this office will be a sub-office to the one headed by Clark in Fayetteville and will be operated under the Fayetteville set-up.

Soon a date will be named on which all landlords—owners and renters of living quarters—must register their properties with the Rent Control office. Special forms will be provided and landlords should ask for these as soon as they are available. Persons living away from the Southern Pines area must see that their properties are registered and they should see that their agents take care of this, Clark said.

A location for the office was expected to be selected this week, Clark indicated, and announcement of developments will be made through THE PILOT.

## SURGICAL DRESSINGS

Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Carthage Red Cross workrooms have finished their quotas of 10,800 surgical dressings, each, in the last three weeks, Mrs. E. V. Hughes, county surgical dressing chairman, announced late this week. Another quota of 60,000 2x2 dressings is being started.

In the last few weeks wives of army men have outnumbered other workers, Mrs. Hughes stated, although a few faithful local women have outstepped themselves in the work. The chairman urges that more of the women who are not essentially employed volunteer for surgical dressing work.

Monday has been designated Hoffman and Fort Bragg day; Tuesday, Knollwood Field day, and Saturday from 9:30 to 12:30, high school girls' work period.

## PRETTY SMART

Mr. Hugh Dave MacWhirr from Possum Bottom dropped into THE PILOT office this week to renew his subscription to THE PILOT. He "lowed" how as he knew the paper was worth the new price and cheap at that, with other prices as high as they are, but he'd be jiggered if he was going to wait until after May 7 and pay the new price when he could get it now for \$2. He went out jingling the change in his pocket and clucking over keeping us from getting it.

## Southern Pines Will Name Its Candidates at Caucus April 30

**Tarlton Declines to Run; Dante Montesanti Offers for Commissionership**

This evening, Friday, April 30, at eight o'clock, the Town Caucus for Southern Pines will be held in the High School Auditorium to nominate candidates for the offices of Mayor and five commissioners to be elected at the Town election on Tuesday, May 4th.

It is the duty of every properly registered citizen to attend and help in the selection of these important officers. It is the privilege of every resident to attend and speak upon any matter pertaining to the town.

As a rule the caucus in Southern Pines is equivalent to an election as the caucus vote selects the ticket to be presented to the electorate the following Tuesday. Hence, it follows that while discussion is open only to the public, only the qualified voters of Southern Pines have the right to vote for candidates presented to the caucus. A qualified voter is any person whose name is on the registration book of the Town of Southern Pines.

This is the first caucus in two years as our officers are elected biennially. The present Board of Commissioners includes L. V. O'Callaghan, 1927-1943; E. C. Stevens, 1935-1943; H. J. Betterley, 1937-1943; R. F. Tarlton and M. F. Grantham, elected in 1941 with Mayor Duncan Matthews. All of these except Tarlton are candidates for re-election.

Seemingly the only additional hat in the ring is that of Dante Montesanti for Commissionership. If there are other aspiring candidates for office they have not been vocal during the past few weeks.

The surprise of the week was Commissioner Tarlton's statement to THE PILOT that he would not be a candidate for reelection. Mr. Tarlton has been an active member of the board, but he finds that his business will keep him away from Southern Pines during much of the year. He expressed appreciation of the loyal support given him in the 1941 election and of the cooperation given during his term of office.

It may be that other surprises may be sprung on the gathering Friday night. It has happened before. Certainly no such activity as preceded the caucus of 1941 has been apparent the past few weeks.

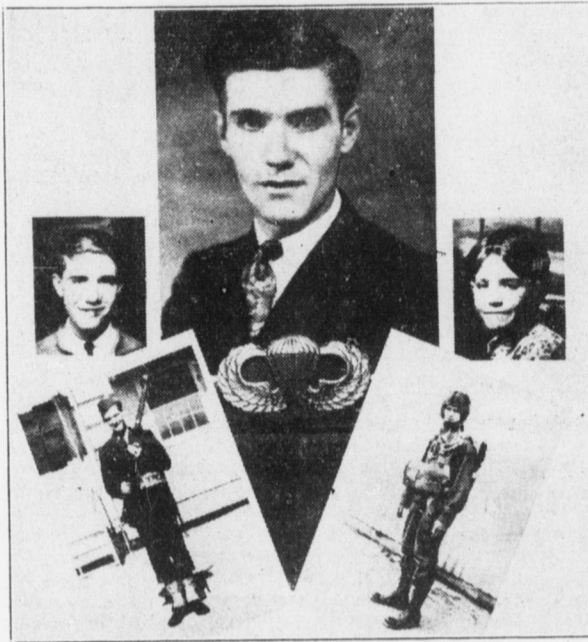
## Glee Club to Give Its Annual Concert

**Popular SPSHS Organization Will Sing Sunday at 8:00 P. M. at Wide Fellowship Church**

The annual concert of the Southern Pines High School Glee Club at the Church of Wide Fellowship will be presented Sunday, May 2, at 8 p. m. The program will be as follows: "God of Our Fathers," Warren; "Glory to God," Palestina; "Give Ear Unto My Prayer," Arcadelt; "Alleluia, Alleluia," Arr. Nobel Cain; "The Lamb (From Songs of Innocence)," West; "Jesu, Word of God Incarnate," Mozart; "In Heavenly Love Abiding," Bach; "In Joseph's Lovely Garden," Traditional Spanish; "Chorale (Finlandia)," Sibelius; "They Led My Lord Away," Spiritual; "Four and Twenty Elders," Spiritual; "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," 17th Century; "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," Croft.

The Glee Club is under the direction of Miss Ruby Trollinger, and Mrs. Norris Hodgkins is the accompanist.

## New Army Post Bears His Name



**JOHN THOMAS MACKALL**

Above is a composite picture of the life of Pvt. John T. Mackall, Ohio native, for whom Camp Mackall was named. Pvt. Mackall was one of the first of the American airborne soldiers to die in North Africa. His mother will attend the dedication Saturday.

## Week of May 9 Named for Special Drive for Funds for Maternal Welfare Work

## Moore County Makes Fine Progress in War Loan Drive 2

**Reached Quota This Week and Figure Is Still Climbing Daily**

An early check-up the middle of the week indicated that Moore County had reached its quota of \$287,100 in the \$13,000,000,000 Second War Loan drive, and County Chairman Ralph Chandler was wearing a happy look. Now he is expecting the figures to rise well beyond the quota, for Moore County has the reputation of going over the top in its undertakings.

Mr. Chandler wishes to express his appreciation to the people of the Southern Pines community, to his advisory committee members throughout the county and to all who have so patriotically answered the call of their government in this drive.

There is still time for those who have not made an investment in Government securities and future freedom to do so.

A complete report of the drive in Moore County will be released as soon as possible.

## Many Local Stores Take Half Holiday

**Will Close Wednesday Afternoons Beginning Next Wednesday, May 5**

Starting a month earlier than usual the majority of the stores in Southern Pines will commence their Wednesday afternoon closing at 12 o'clock noon next Wednesday, May 5th.

These merchants ask their customers to cooperate by doing their shopping Wednesday morning.

Signing the closing notice, to be found elsewhere in THE PILOT, are: ABC Store, Atkinson Co., A&P store, Brooks, Bushby Electric Co., Bill's Shoe Shop, Carolina Power & Light Co., franjeans, Hardware and Electric Co., Hayes' Dress Shop, Modern Market, Masonic Temple Barber Shop, Melvin Brothers, Inc., Mack's 5-10 and 25c Store, McIntosh—Antiques, Patch Department Store, Pender's Market, Tot's Toggery, The Valet and Welch Gift Shop. Dorn's is also closing on Wednesday afternoons.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

There will be a meeting of the subscribers to the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce at the Civic Club Tuesday, May 4th, at 3 p. m. All interested in this organization are urged to attend.

## Camp Mackall To Be Dedicated Saturday at Formal Ceremony

**Interesting Program of Events Will Be Open to Public; Begins at 2 P. M.**

Formal dedication of Camp Mackall, which will be held Saturday, May 1, at 2 p. m., according to an announcement by Post Commander Vernon G. Olsmith. The dedication will be attended by many distinguished military and civilian leaders and the public is invited to attend the impressive ceremony which has been planned.

Maj. General E. Gerry Chapman, commanding general of the Airborne command, who has his headquarters at Camp Mackall, will deliver the dedication address. Colonel Olsmith will bring the address of welcome. Special ceremonies will include unveiling of a plaque by parachute troops guard of honor; response by Mrs. Alda Mackall Newton; review of airborne troops; a parachute jump demonstration by the 506th parachute infantry, and an air evacuation demonstration by the first troops carrier command, army air forces.

Construction on Camp Mackall, which is located on U. S. highway No. 1 between Hoffman and Aberdeen, was first begun on November 8, 1942, the site for building having been selected in August of the same year. The work was finished in record time, the first contingent of troops moving in on January 5, 1943.

### Workers Honored

For the record-breaking work accomplished, the construction contractor and 6,000 employees were awarded the army-navy "E" pennant.

Camp Mackall is the present headquarters of Maj. Gen. E. G. Chapman, commanding general of the airborne command. General Chapman moved his headquarters here from Ft. Bragg April 5.

Visitors to the post for the ceremonies are requested to enter at gate No. 1, which is to be marked from highway No. 1. After the dedication ceremony, the public will be permitted to take a conducted tour of the camp. All private automobiles are requested to clear the camp by 6 p. m.

The camp is named for Pvt. John T. Mackall, who was one of the first American airborne soldiers to give his life in battle.

### Ohio Native

Mackall, who was the son of Mrs. (Continued on Page 10)

## OPA GIVES RULINGS ON SUMMER TRAVEL

"The OPA has sent out the following rulings as to the issuance of special gasoline rationings for summer travel," announces Chairman Maurice of the Moore County Rationing Board.

**TRAVEL TO SUMMER HOMES:** Travel to a summer home, even though it is maintained for a large part of the year, is not a bona fide change of residence and is not eligible for special rations.

Travel to summer homes is not occupational unless the applicant has an established occupation at his destination; even in that event he must use alternative adequate transportation, which is usually available.

Travel to obtain a change in climate is not eligible for a special ration, even though prescribed by a physician.

When persons from other areas apply for rations to return home, after having been granted rations by their home Boards for the above improper purpose, they should be denied.

**SCHOOL TEACHERS RETURNING HOME FOR SUMMER:** This is not travel in connection with a bona fide change of residence, and is therefore not eligible for a special ration. Nor may such travel be allowed as part of an occupational ration.

## TOWN ELECTION

The election of officers for the Town of Southern Pines will take place Tuesday, May 4 at the Municipal building. The polls will open at 8:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.